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I, Carlo Guardiani hereby state the following:

1. I am one of the named inventors of this patent application.
2. I am one of the named authors of the paper, Zanella, Stefano, Nardi, Alessandra, Quarantelli, Michele, Neviani, Andrea and Guardiani, Carlo, "Analysis of the Impact of Intra-Die Variance on Clock Skew," 12 June 1999, Statistical Metrology. IWSM. 1999 4th International Workshop on Pages 14-17 (referred to below as Zanella et al.).

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3. I understand that Zanella et al. has been relied on by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in rejecting all of the claims of this patent application.

4. I have reviewed the pending claims of this patent application.

5. To the extent that Zanella et al. discloses any subject matter currently claimed in this application, I conceived all of that subject matter.

6. None of the other authors of the paper by Zanella et al. contributed to conception of the subject matter currently claimed in this application. Their contributions were either performed under my direction, or were directed to subject matter that is not claimed in the present application.

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